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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-4, 9-11, and 14-21 are currently pending. Claims 1, 9, 14, 17, and 19 have been amended and new claims 20-21 have been added. Support for amendments to claims 1, 9, 14, 17, and 19 and for new claims 20 and 21 may be found in the application as originally filed at page 6, lines 9-11.

The specification at page 5, line 31 is objected to. Page 5 at line 31 has been amended to address the Examiner's concerns. Also, the specification in the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 20 has been amended to address typographical issues.

Claims 1 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Thomas (U.S. Patent No. 3,654,570). Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Thomas in view of Heiter (U.S. Patent No. 5,933,770). Claims 2, 9-11, and 14-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Barnes et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,793,162) in view of Thomas.

Claims 1, 9, 14, 17, and 19 have been amended to overcome these rejections. For example, claim 1 have been amended to recite "said first and second transmission lines within said inductive length are a constant fixed distance apart and are bent to reduce their overall dimension." Claims 9, 14, 17, and 19 have been similarly amended, therefore, claims 1, 9, 14, 17, and 19 will be collectively discussed. Discussed first below is the responsiveness of the claim amendments to the Office Action and discussed second is the patentability of the claims.

As an initial matter, Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Benny Lee for his discussions on December 31, 2003 regarding the responsiveness of the current claim amendments to the Office Action. As requested by Examiner Lee, Applicant is submitting a written discussion of the topics discussed with the Examiner regarding responsiveness to the Office Action. In particular, the Office Communication of November 4, 2003 indicates that the amendments to the independent claims are non-responsive to the outstanding Office Action as the amended claims include limitations for first and second transmission lines that are bent. The Office Communication further

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indicates that because the transmission lines are recited as being "bent," the transmission lines are not parallel, and therefore the independent claims do not read on the elected species of FIGS. 5 and 7A - 7B.

Applicant respectfully traverses the position asserted in the Office Communication and submits that the independent claims as amended do read on the elected species shown in FIGS. 5 and 7A - 7B, and therefore the amendment is responsive to the Office Action. In particular, Applicant points out that the common definition of the word parallel, as defined by Webster's II New College Dictionary, includes "being an equal distance apart at every point" and "designating curves or surfaces everywhere equidistant." Relevant pages from the Dictionary are included in an appendix for the Examiner's convenience. The common definition of parallel is far more expansive than a set of straight lines that are equidistant, and includes lines that are "bent" and a "fixed distance apart," as recited in the independent claims. The application as originally filed expressly embraces the common definition of the word parallel. In particular, at page 6, lines 10 - 14 of the application, transmission lines that are a constant fixed distance apart are described as being "bent into spirals, coils, or serpentines" to reduce an overall dimension of the transmission lines. Applicant particularly points out that the discussion at page 6, lines 10 - 14 pertains to embodiment of the elected species shown in FIGS. 7A and 7B, and not merely to FIG. 8. Accordingly, the application and amended independent claims embrace the common definition of the word parallel and use the common definition in a broad sense to describe embodiments of the elected species. Because the elected species of FIGS. 5 and 7A - 7B includes transmission lines that are bent (wherein bent lines are included in the common definition of the word parallel), the amendment is responsive to the Office Action. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the amendments to independent claims 1, 9, 14, 17, and 19 be entered.

Applicant also respectfully requests the allowance of claims 1, 9, 14, 17, and 19 as Thomas does not teach or suggest every limitation recited in claims 1, 9, 14, 17, and 19. Thomas, as understood, discloses a coaxial hybrid junction device that includes first and second conductors that are inductively coupled. Thomas's conductors

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are approximately parallel within a fixed length and then diverge to meet a set of center pin connectors. See Thomas's FIG. 1. Within the fixed length in which Thomas's conductors are approximately parallel, the conductors are not bent to reduce their overall dimension. Moreover, there is no motivation to bend Thomas's conductors as such bending would alter the divergence angle of the conductors, which is "[a]n important feature" that should be "finite" and have "ascertainable positions." See Thomas at Col. 3, lines 43-45. Because an important feature of Thomas's junction would be altered in bending the junction, there is not motivation to bend the junction. Therefore, Thomas fails to teach, or even suggest, every limitation recited in amended claims 1, 9, 14, 17, and 19 obvious.

Barnes fails to make up for the deficiencies of Thomas discussed above. Barnes, as understood, discloses a system for adjusting the resistance and reactance of a matching network that includes a set of capacitors. Barnes system includes a directional coupler configured to receive signals reflected from a cable and the matching network. The reflected signals are processed by an RF amplitude detector, which forwards amplitude information for the reflected signals to a digital controller. The digital controller is configured to control a set of DC motors, which in turn adjust the capacitance of a set of capacitors that form a portion of Barnes's matching network. Capacitance adjustments effect changes in the resistance and reactance of Barnes's matching network. See Barnes at Col. 4, line 6 to Col. 5, line 10. As Barnes's matching network includes capacitors and does not include transmission lines, Barnes fails to teach or suggest a matching network that includes transmission lines that are a "fixed distance apart and are bent to reduce their overall dimension" as recited in amended claims 1, 9, 14, 17, and 19. Therefore, Barnes fails to make up for the deficiencies of Thomas. Therefore, Barnes and Thomas fail to render amended claims 1, 9, 14, 17, and 19 obvious.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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APPENDIX



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Preface . . Elements (Explanator Abbreviation **Pronunciat**: DICTIONA Abbreviatic Biographica Geographic Foreign Wor Four-Year C Two-Year Pu A Concise (Forms of Ac Table of Me Periodic Tat Signs and Sy

ostentatious display. 6. A public -rad-ing, -rades. - vt. 1. To entatiously : FLAUNT <paraded or a formal military review. 2. To e in a public place. - pa-rad'-

ar'a-dî-klôr'a-bën'zên'...-běncompound, C6H4Cl2, used as a

ME example < LLat, paradisma to exhibit: para, alongside + he inflectional forms of a word on or declension to which it bemat'ic (-dig-mat'ik) adj.

paradis < OFr. < LLat. paradian pairi-daēza- : pairi, around + : Garden of Eden. 2. a. HEAVEN 2. ighteous souls awaiting the Resor loveliness <an island para-·di·si'a·cal (păr'a-dĭ-sī'a-kal, î'I-kal, -zā'I-kal) adj. - par'al·ly adv.

ox.es. [Lat. paradoxum < Gk. ith expectation : para, beyond + A seemingly contradictory state . One exhibiting contradictory or an essentially self-contradictory from acceptable premises. 4. ion. - par'a·dox'i·cal adj.
'a·dox'i·cal·ness n. livery of supplies by parachute.

ps. To deliver by parachute. 1. var. of PARESTHESIA. parum, too little + Lat. affinis. finity with other material).] 1. lid hydrocarbon mixture used to and sealing materials. 2. Chem. . Chiefly Brit. Kerosene. — vt.

e, impregnate, or coat with parnologous group of saturated ali-il formula C_nH_{2n+2} , the simplest

r-măl'də-hīd') n. A white solid where n is at least 6, used as a

also par·a·ge·ne·sia (-jəa-ge-net'ic (-jo-net'ik) adj. r. < Oltal. paragone < parago-parakonan, to sharpen: para, pattern or model of excellence or . a. An unflawed diamond weighge spherical pearl. 3. A printing , -gon-ing, -gons. To parallel

oaragraphe < Med. Lat. paragra < Gk. paragraphos, line in a di-< paragraphein, to write beside . A distinct division of a written thought or point relevant to the may consist of one or more sente where a new paragraph should

3. A brief article, notice, or an--vt. -graphed, -graph-ing, paragraphs. - par'a-graph'-

) *n*. maté 2. :a-liz'am) n. Highly subjective n. -par'a-jour'nal-is'tic

oquet.] A small parrot, usu. with

lized parachute that is towed by s a person in its harness up and

[PAR(A)-1 + (ACET)ALDEHYDE.] A $\hat{H}_{12}O_3$, of acetaldehyde, used as a

pertaining to, or being a person a lawyer. — par'a·le'gal n.
illaxe < Gk. parallaxis < parallassein, to exchange < allos, othction of an object, caused by a at provides a new line of sight. par-al-lel (păr'z-lel') adj. [Lat. parallelus < Gk. parallelus] beside + allelon, of one another < allos, other.] 1. Being an equil tance apart at every point. 2. a. Designating two or more straighten planar lines that do not intersect. b. Designating two or more plan or a line and a plane, that do not intersect. c. Designating current surfaces everywhere equidistant. 3. a. Having readily recognized surfaces everywhere equinistant, or a table parts. b. Having the identities, analogous aspects, or comparable parts. b. Having the direction or tendency. 4. Containing or marked by corresponding tactical constructions or forms. 5. Mus. Moving consistently produced to the contraction of the contrac same intervals. — Used of two or more melodies. 6. Elect. Design a circuit or part of a circuit connected in parallel. 7. Computer S. Of or relating to the simultaneous transmission of all the bits of a over separate wires <a parallel printer> b. Of or relating to the multaneous performance of multiple operations parallel.proces
ing> -adv. In a parallel manner or relationship. -n. 1: A line 1 surface equidistant from another. 2. One of a set of parallel geom figures, usu. lines. 3. a. Something that is analogous to or closely as sembles something else. b. A comparison indicating analogy of larity. 4. The condition of being parallel : near similarity or agreement in particulars. 5. Any of the imaginary lines represent degrees of latitude that encircle the earth parallel to the plane of equator. 6. A sign () indicating material referred to in a note or it erence. 7. Elect. A configuration of two or more two-terminal compo nents connected between two points in a circuit with one terminal each connected to each of the two points < circuits in parallel 22 -leled, -lel-ing, -lels. 1. To make or place parallel to 2. To be extend parallel to 3. To be similar or analogous to 4. To be or profit an equal or match for. 5. To demonstrate to be analogous.

* SYNS: PARALLEL, COEXTENSIVE, COLLATERAL, CONCURRENT core meaning: lying in the same plane and not intersecting <p

parallel bars pl.n. 1. Two horizontal poles set parallel to each one in adjustable upright supports and used in gymnastic exercises 24 and adjustance upright supports and used in symmastic exercises 2.4. competitive gymnastics event in which parallel bars are used 1.4. parallel bars are used 1.4. parallel bars are used 1.4. pipedon: parallelos, parallel + epipedon, plane surface < epipedon | evel (epi, on + pedon, ground).] A solid having six faces, each 3.4. parallelos.

allelogram.

par-al-lel-ism (par'a-lel-iz'am) n. 1. The state or position of parallel relationship. 2. Likeness, correspondence, or similarity in aspect course, or tendency. 3. a. The use of corresponding syntactic forms. An instance of such use. 4. Philos. The doctrine that to every mean change there corresponds a concomitant, but causally unconnected physical alteration.

par-al-lel-o-gram (păr'ə-lel'a-grăm') n. (LLat. parallelogi lines : parallelos, parallel + gramme, line.] A four-sided plane figure with opposite sides parallel.

pa-ral-o-gism (pa-ral'a-jiz'am) n. [Pr. paralogisme < LLa gismus < Gk. paralogismos < paralogos, unreasonable : para, beyon + logos, reason.] Logic. Illogical or fallacious reasoning, esp. in his argument of whose fallacious reasoning. argument of whose fallacy the reasoner is unaware. - pa-ral'o n. - pa·ral'o·gis'tic adj.
par·a·lyse (păr'a·liz') v. Chiefly Brit. var. of PARALYZI

pa·ral·y·sis (pə-ral'I-sis) n., pl. -ses (-sez') [Lat. < Gk. para paraluein, to disable: para, in an injurious way + luein, to retend 1. Partial or complete loss of the ability to move or have sensation in a bodily part as a result of injury to or disease of its nerve supply. Stoppage or impairment of activity <a paralysis of industrial promition>—par'a-lyt'ic (pār'a-lit'ik) adi. e) n.
paralysis ag-i-tans (āj'i-tānz') n. [NLat.: Lat. paralysis. paralysis.

Lat. agitans, pr.part. of agitare, to shake.] Parkinson's disease. par-a-lyze (par'2-liz') vt. -lyzed, -lyz-ing, -lyz-es. [F. par's ser < paralysis, paralysis < Lat. paralysis.] 1. To affect with paralyse 2. To make helpless or unable to move. 3. To impair the function or progress of <The blizzard paralyzed traffic. > -par'a.ly. tion n. - par'a-lyz'er n. * SYNS: PARALYZE, BENUMB, NUMB, STUN, STUPERY V. COTE MEL

ing: to make helpless, as by emotion < Sudden fear paralyzed them. par-a-mag-net (pār'ə-māg'nīt) n. A paramagnetic substantequ'y par-a-mag-net-ic (pār'ə-māg-nēt'īk) adj. Pertaining to of denoring a substance in which an induced magnetic field is in the same that the same of th rection as and greater in strength than the magnetizing field, but must weaker than in ferromagnetic materials. — par'a magnety items par-a-mat-ta or par-ra-mat-ta (par'a-mat'a) n. (After Part matta, Australia.) A fine light silk-and-wool or cotton-and-wool fabric.

par-a-me-ci-um (păr'a-mē'shē-am, -sē-am) n., pl. -ci-a (shē--sē-ə) or -ci-ums. [NLat. Paramecium, genus name, paramètes, oblong: para, alongside + mètos, length.] Any of vinos usu. oval-shaped ciliate protozoans of the genus Paramecium, with a pral proper for feeding Chine! oral groove for feeding.

è pet ê be hw which wil pit ä father ă pat à pay àr care oo took îr pier ŏ pot ô t**oe** ô paw, for oi noise

ra-med-ic (par's-med'lk) n. One trained to supply emergency medical treatment or assist medical professionals.

ra-med-i-cal (par's-med'l-kəl) adj. Of, designating, or relating paramedics or their work.

mr.a·ment (pār/ə·mənt) n., pl. -ments or -men-ta (-mēn/tə) ME-< Med. Lat. paramentum < parare, to decorate < Lat., to prepie often paraments or paramenta. Ecclesiastical hangings or estments.

rameeter (po-ram'I-tor) n. 1. A variable or arbitrary constant prearing in a mathematical expression, each value of which restricts determines the specific form of the expression. 2. Informal. 2. A fired boundary or limit: CONSTANT. b. A typical element < volence and crime are some of the parameters of urban life. > -par'a. pet'ric (păr'a-met'rik), par'a-met'ri-cal adj. — par'a-met'.

ar.a.mil.i.tar.y (păr'a-mil'i-ter'e) adj. Of, pertaining to, or desfinating forces organized after a military pattern, esp. as a potential miliary military force.

prameneesia (par'am-ne'zha) n. A distortion of memory in

phich experience and fantasy are confused: Déla vu.

phich experience and paramorphism.

pira mor phine (păr'a môr'fen') n. Thebaine.

aria-mor-phism (par'a-mor'fiz'am) n. Structural alteration of a moral without change of chemical composition. — par'a-mor'hic, par'a·mor'phous adj.

| inc. | par'a·mor'phous adj. | AN paramont | OFr. par. by (<

(at per) + OFr. amont, above.] 1. Of foremost importance or concern.

Lyperne in rank, power, or authority. —n. One of highest power or authority. —par'a-mount'cy n. —par'a-mount'ly adv. ir a-mount (pār'a-moor') n. [ME < par amoun, by way of love < [Mr.: par, by (< Lat. per) + amour, love (< Lat. amor < amare, to bre).] A lover, esp. one in an adulterous relationship.

pr-am·y·ium (pa-ram/2-lam) n. A starchlike reserve carbohydrate fond in various protozoans and algae.

Mrang (pa'rang') n. [Malay.] A short, heavy, straight-edged knife and in Malaysia and Indonesia as a tool and weapon.

Mranoi-a (par's-noi's) n. [NLat. < Gk., madness < paranoos, deinited : para, beyond + nous, mind.] A nondegenerative, psychotic border marked by delusions of persecution or of grandeur, often

tenuously rationalized. ir.a.noi.ac (păr'a-noi'ăk', -noi'ik) n. One afflicted with para-

in -adj. Of, relating to, or resembling paranoia.

in anoid (păr'a-noid') adj. 1. Relating to, typical of, or afflicted tin paranoia. 2. Showing behavior suggestive of paranoia. -n. One flicted with paranoia.

ira·nor·mal (păr'a-nôr/mal) adj. Not within the range of normi experience or scientifically explainable phenomena. - par'a.

irma'li-ty n. —par'a-nor'mal-ly adv.
irma-thro-pus (păr'ən-thro'pəs, pă-răn'thrə-pəs) n., pl. -pus-[NLat. Paranthropus, genus name: PARA-1 + Gk. anthropos, man.]

Extinct anthropoid ape of the genus Paranthropus, known from re-ains found in Olduvai Gorge, Tanzania.

mas pound in Oidivai Gorge, Ianzania.

"na pet (pār'a-pit, -pēt') n. [Fr. < Ital. parapetto: parare, to shield
petto, chest < Lat. pectus.] 1. A low protective railing or wall along
etelge of a roof or balcony. 2. An earthen or stone embankment proting soldiers from enemy fire. — par'a-pet'ed (-pēt'id) adj.

"raph (pār'af, pa-rāi') n. [OFr. paraphe < Med. Lat. paragraphus,
BERDAN SIGN. — SEP PARAGRAPH. A flourish mada sign. — see PARAGRAPH.

ragraph sign. - see PARAGRAPH.] A flourish made after or below a mature, orig. to prevent forgery.

(1) a. pher. na. lia (păr'a-far nāl'ya, -fa-nāl'ya) pl.n. [Med. Lat., a

mied woman's property exclusive of her dowry < Gk. parapherna: To, beyond + phene, dowry.] (sing or pl. in number). 1. Personal tongings. 2. The articles used in a given activity: EQUIPMENT Cooking paraphernalia > 3. A married woman's personal property exbive of her dowry, according to common law.

ra·phrase (păr' > frâz') n. [OFr. < Lat. paraphrasis < Gk. < Sphrazein, to paraphrase: para, alongside + phrazein, to show.] 1.
Instatement of a text or passage in another form or other words, to clarify meaning. 2. The making of paraphrases, often used as aching device. —vt. e) vi. -phrased, -phras-ing, -phras-es. express in or compose a paraphrase. —par'a-phras'a-ble adj. Par'a phras'er n.

* SYDS: PARAPHRASE, REPHRASE, RESTATE, REWORD, TRANSLATE V.

meaning: to express the meaning of in other, esp. simpler words manings to express the meaning of in other, esp. simpler words maphrased a passage from Shakespeare>
haphrasetic (par's-frās'tik) or par-a-phraseti-cal (-ti-kal)
Fr. paraphrastique < Gk. paraphrastikos < paraphrasein, to parlase.] 1. Like a paraphrase 2. Explaining or translating more amply charly. — par'a-phras'ti-cal-ly adv.

mana-vasia (n-aittes) n. nl. -ana (-sēr') [para-1 + Gk. phy-

maph.y.sis (po-tal'I-sis) n., pl. -ses (-sez') [PARA-1 + Gk. phu-

oot ou out th thin th this u cut ûr urge y young zh vision a about, item, edible, gallop, circus

sis, nature.] One of the steri carrying or sexual organs of ce par-a-ple-gi-a (păr'a-plē'jē iplegia < paraplēssein, to stril to strike.] Complete paralysis both legs that is caused by i: -par'a-ple'gic (-ple'jik) c par-a-po-di-um (par'a-po'a fleshy paired appendages of each function in locomotion and br par-a-pro-fes-sion-al (păi who is not a member of a giv. sional.

par-a-psy-chol-o-gy (păr'. ena, as telepathy, clairvoyance plainable by known natural law -par'a.psy.chol'o.gist L par·a·quat (păr'a-kwŏt') n. compound, C₁₂H₁₄N₂Cl₂, used Pa·rá rubber (pa·rā', păr'a); obtained from various tropical: vea, esp. H. brasiliensis.

par-a-sang (păr' >-săng') n. Iranian orig.] An ancient Persiar

par·a·se·le·ne (păr'ə-sǐ-lê'n lēnē, moon.] A luminous spot (-lē'nīk, -lĕn'īk) adj.

par·a·site (păr'a-sīt') n. [OFr expense of another < Lat. para. sitos, grain.] 1. Biol. An organisi or in a different organism while its host. 2. A person who habitugenerosity of others. 3. A syco; esp. in ancient Greece.

par-a-sit-ic (păr'a-sit'ik) also relating to, or typical of a parasit — par'a-sit'i-cal-ly adv.

par·a·sit·i·cide (păr'a-sit'ito destroy parasites. - adj. De: i•ci'dal (•sīd') adi. par.a.sit.ism (păr'a-sĭ-tĭz'an

istence or behavior of a parasit parasitic infestation. par-a-sit-ize (păr' a-sī-tīz', -sī

on (a host) as a parasite.

par-a-si-tol-o-gy (par'a-si-to-lo
parasitism. — par'a-si'to-lo
log'i-cal adj. — par'a-si-to'

log'i·cal adj. --par'a·si·to! par·a·sit·o·sis (păr'ə·si-tō'si. ease resulting from it.

par-a-sol (par'a-sol', -sol') n

shield + sole, sun < Lat. sol.] A

sunshade.

par·a·sym·pa·thet·ic nervik) n. Anat. The part of the auto the brainstem and the lower pa inhibits or opposes the physiologous system, as in tending to sti the heart, and dilating blood ves par-a-syn-the-sis (par'a-sin' a combination of compounding a ed, formed from down plus h -par'a.syn.thet'ic (-thet'il par·a·tax·is (par'a-tak'sis) paratassein, to arrange side by : range.] The coordination of gram clauses without the use of coor tions, as It was hot; the grass (-tāk'tīk), par'a-tac'ti-cal ac par-a-thi-on (păr'a-thi'ōn') n. highly poisonous yellowish liqui

par·a·thy·roid·ec·to·my -mies. Surgical excision of the par-a-thy-roid gland (par kidney-shaped glands that lie in roid gland and secrete a hormone rus metabolism.

an agricultural insecticide.

par·a·troop (păr'a-troop') adj. par-a-troop-er (par'a-troo'par par-a-troops (par'a-troops') pl

parachute from an aircraft.
par-a-ty-phoid fever (par'a-: ease that resembles typhoid fever teria of the genus Salmonella.

par-a-vane (păr' >-vân') n. A de towed alongside a ship to cut the 1